

## THE SITUATION IN LUZON.

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## REBELS AT END OF THEIR RESOURCES.

Philippines Have Apparently Adopted Guerrilla Mode of Warfare—Col. Smith Captures Assassins—More Prisoners Released—The Pursuit of Aguinaldo Abandoned.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Gen. Otis had some stirring news to report Wednesday from Manila, his advice going to show that the insurgents are, as he predicted a few days ago, at the end of their resources from a military point of view and are melting away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points. His cablegrams were as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 13.—Fifty men of the navy and 50 men of the army, transported by the navy, took Laog on the last inst. Gen. Young with his staff followed next day. He reports how the Philippine guerrilla of the Thirty-fourth followed by a portion of the Thirty-third Infantry passed north to Piddling, east of Laog. March's battalion of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan province of Leganto on 7th inst. The Thirty-third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy. Young states his extreme northern force passed over mountains driving the insurgents under Gen. Tino, who was badly wounded, killing 30 and wounding many. He made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation, and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section to the number of about 2,000. Our casualties were two wounded. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tino's command. March's battalion of the Thirty-third reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th inst. that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's headquarters, killed Gen. Gregorio Pinar, received the surrender of Gen. Concepcion and staff, killed and wounded 52 insurgents, released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars, and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded. My information is that Aguinaldo has disguised his individuality, abandoned his troops and is hiding in the province of Benguet."

Is of Great Importance. Washington, Dec. 14.—The secretary of war regards the information conveyed in Gen. Otis' dispatches Wednesday as the most important that has come to hand for months past. The capture of Mabini, reported by MacArthur from Bayambang, is especially gratifying. It is believed that the Filipino leader was trying to make his way across country from Bangue, where he had been obliged to part company with Aguinaldo a fortnight ago, to the east coast of Luzon. The members of the Philippine commission now in Washington declare without reserve that Mabini was the head and front of the insurrection. Aguinaldo was only a figurehead. Mabini was the brain and directing power behind him.

A Bold Stroke. Next in importance to the capture of Mabini in the developments of the campaign, was the bold stroke of Capt. McCalla, of the Newark, in capturing the whole province of Cagayan. With MacArthur holding the province of Isabella, adjoining, and Young's holdings on the opposite or western shore of the upper peninsula, the Americans are now in technical occupancy of the whole northern end of Luzon from a point just north of the gulf of Lingayen.

Pursuing Aguinaldo. Cayan, Luzon, P. I., Dec. 7 (via courier to Manila, Dec. 15).—Maj. March, with his battalion of Thirty-third Infantry, left Cayan yesterday morning, climbing the mountains to Baguen, a village of the Igorrotes, or primitive mountain people, which is situated at an altitude of 8,500 feet. There he learned that Aguinaldo left Bontoc three days before, going toward Tabin, to the eastward, having in view as his destination the valley of Quinagan, to the south, or the city of Bayombong, beyond it.

Split Into Bands. Washington, Dec. 16.—Information has been received from Gen. Otis which indicates that the Filipino people realize that the insurrection movement has gone to pieces, and are anxious that drastic measures be adopted to bring about normal conditions in the Philippines. Gen. Otis said in his dispatch that he had received a communication from prominent Filipinos saying that the remnants of Aguinaldo's army had divided into small bands for the purpose of committing murder and robbery, and suggesting that they be classed as bandits and given the extreme punishment meted out to such desperados.

Recruits for Manila. Washington, Dec. 16.—The war department has arranged to send about a thousand recruits to Manila to fill the regiments which are running short on account of death, disease and discharge.

Pursuit Abandoned. Manila, Dec. 18.—Maj. Peyton C. March, of the Thirty-third Infantry, has abandoned his pursuit of Aguinaldo, and has reached Baguen, in the heart of the Grand Cordillera, where the range is 10,000 feet high, and where food is scarce and travel almost impossible.

The Latest News. Manila, Dec. 18.—The following dispatch, dated December 15, has been received from a correspondent at Laog, province of North Bocos:

"Natives at Mantong, province of North Bocos, report that Aguinaldo, in disguise and accompanied by several of his generals, left Mantong last Saturday, with 500 men, going in the direction of Salasana, from which point he intended to proceed to Cagaban, province of Cagayan. "An insurgent major, claiming to be in command of 100 Filipinos, who have been guarding 23 American prisoners at Cagaban, surrendered to Gen. Tino. He delivered the prisoners to Gen. Young. "Gen. Young's command is now divided into six or seven parties, which are operating in the mountains about Laog. Several parties are hunting for Gen. Tino. "Maj. Swigert, with a detachment of the

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Gen. Buller, Commander-in-Chief of British Army, Reports a Serious Reverse at Tugela River—His Troops Are Compelled to Retreat—Reinforcements Ordered.

London, Dec. 14.—The British public has been startled by reports from Gen. Methuen telling of a serious reverse at Magerfontein. The losses are great and include Gen. Wauchope, the marquis of Winchester and other well-known officers.

Most Serious Event of the War. London, Dec. 14.—Each important battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British, and the papers sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magerfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men, and perhaps to more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.

London Discouraged. London, Dec. 14.—Methuen's defeat, Gatacre's great danger, Mafeking's lack of rations, Ladysmith's beleaguerment without sign of relief, threatened disaster.

APPOINTED SENATOR. Gov. Poynter, of Nebraska, Names Ex-Senator Allen to Fill Out Unexpired Term of Senator Hayward.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Gov. Poynter has appointed ex-Senator Allen to fill the senatorial vacancy caused by the death of Hayward. His commission will be made out as speedily as possible, and the newly appointed senator announced his intention of proceeding to Washington at once and assuming the duties of his office.

THE LA FAYETTE DOLLAR. First Coin Struck at the Philadelphia Mint—To Be Presented to President of France.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The first Lafayette dollar, the unique specimen authorized by congress in aid of the fund for the erection of the Lafayette monument in Paris, was struck off at the United States mint in this city. This coin will be presented by the president of the United States to the president of France. Fifty thousand of the coins will be struck and are to be disposed of at a cost of two dollars apiece.

The second coin struck off was forwarded to Mrs. McKinley, while the third was given to Mrs. Kate Thysen Marr, of Washington.

Sentence Commuted. Washington, Dec. 15.—The president has commuted to imprisonment for 20 years the capital sentence imposed by court-martial upon four American soldiers, members of a Washington regiment, in the Philippines for criminal assault upon native women. The names of the soldiers are Scarborough, Conine, McEneaney and Donohoff.

Mr. Moody Is Worse. East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—There is no doubt, viewed even from the most favorable position, that the condition of Dwight L. Moody is critical. Mr. Moody is likely to die within a few days, and then again, if his disease should take a favorable turn, he may live, if he is willing to stop work, for several years.

Given a Life Term. Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Irving Shaw, 14 years of age, of Providence, Saratoga county, was convicted of murdering his playmate, Jesse Blanche, at Providence last October. Justice Stover sentenced Shaw to life imprisonment at Dannemora prison. He is believed to be the youngest life prisoner in the state.

Noted Baptist Clergyman Dead. Newport, R. I., Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. Warren Randolph, pastor of the Central Baptist church, of Newport, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Indianapolis, and a clergyman of national reputation among Baptists, is dead, aged 84 years.

Death of Lieut. Bramby. Washington, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Thomas M. Bramby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital shortly after six o'clock Sunday evening.

Boston Bank Closes. Boston, Dec. 18.—The failure of the John P. Squire company, of Cambridge, the largest pork packers in New England, for \$3,000,000, caused the Broadway national bank in this city to close its doors.

The Wheat Crop. Washington, Dec. 16.—The statistician of the department of agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, or 12.3 bushels per acre.

Killed in a Fight. Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 14.—Alexander Bryant, John H. Mullins, John H. and David L. Craft were killed near here in a fight among themselves.

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Centennial Anniversary of the Death of Washington Observed—The President Pays Tribute.

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## MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending Dec. 18. Fire partially destroyed the state penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb.

At Jones, La., a mob stretched a negro to a telegraph pole for assaulting a white woman.

The Comedy theater, one of the pioneer show houses in San Francisco, was destroyed by fire.

William H. Carpenter, author, poet and editor, died at his home in Baltimore, aged 86 years.

Frank Walker (colored) was hanged at Moundsville, W. Va., for the murder of Thomas Sanders, a saconkeeper.

A frame house 100 years old was burned in Williamsburg, N. Y., and three persons were burned to death.

Mrs. R. P. Shick, daughter of former United States Senator John J. Ingalls, died suddenly at her home at Reading, Pa.

Fire completely destroyed the factory of the Duluth (Minn.) Boot and Shoe company, the loss being \$150,000.

Nelson Hamilton and his three children were burned to death near Alliance, Ky., by the burning of their home.

An International Farmers' union was organized at Binghamton, N. Y., to maintain the price of farm products.

Henry Landis, secretary of the Baltimore board of trade, committed suicide by jumping from a third-story window.

Prosecuting Attorney Williams, of Pawnee county, while arguing a case in court in Perry, O. T., fell dead with heart disease.

At a swimming tournament in San Francisco H. W. Wideman made a new world's record, making the 25-yard dash in 12.25 seconds.

Tables prepared by the war department show that the United States had 23,255 men on the army muster rolls during the Spanish war.

William Vance Marquis, who was lieutenant governor of Ohio under the Campbell administration, died at Bellefontaine, aged 72 years.

Gen. William F. Rogers, a civil war veteran and successfully auditor, comptroller and mayor of Buffalo, N. Y., died there, aged 79 years.

Eugene P. Gillespie died at Greenville, Pa., aged 47 years. He represented the Twenty-fifth district in congress in the session of 1891-93.

QUAKER CITY WINS. The Republican National Convention to Meet in Philadelphia on June 19 Next.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next. The place and date were decided upon by the national republican committee Friday after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected, Chicago, St. Louis and New York. The final vote stood: Philadelphia, 24; Chicago, 23.

The proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and harmonious, every speech that was made emphasizing the fact that President McKinley will be re-nominated and that the convention will be in effect simply a ratification meeting.

To Meet in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 14.—The prohibition national convention will be held in the new Coliseum building in Chicago June 27, 1900. The newly-elected national chairman, Oliver W. Stewart, of the national committee, will issue the call for the convention about the first of the new year.

Distress in Famine-Stricken District. Calcutta, Dec. 16.—The distress in the famine-stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,250,000 persons have received relief.

## THE MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 18.	
LIVE STOCK—Sheep	4 00 @ 5 50
Hogs	3 20 @ 4 40
Sheep	3 50 @ 4 25
FLOUR—Winter Straight	3 35 @ 3 45
Minnesota Patent	3 80 @ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	72 00 @ 74 00
December	72 00 @ 74 00
CORN—No. 2	40 00 @ 42 00
December	39 00 @ 41 00
OATS	28 00 @ 31 00
BUTTER—Creamery	44 00 @ 47 00
Factory	15 00 @ 20 00
CHEESE—Western	11 00 @ 13 00
EGGS—Western	21 00 @ 24 00
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Christmas Bees	15 00 @ 18 00
Stocks	3 40 @ 5 00
Feeder	2 50 @ 3 25
Hogs	3 00 @ 4 00
Butcher	2 50 @ 4 20
Light	3 80 @ 4 15
Rough Packing	3 95 @ 4 15
SHEEP	3 50 @ 4 00
BUTTER—Creameries	17 00 @ 25 00
Dairies	18 00 @ 22 00
EGGS	13 00 @ 20 00
POTATOES—Per Bu.	37 00 @ 45 00
PORK—May	10 40 @ 10 55
LARD—May	5 65 @ 5 80
RIBS—May	5 50 @ 5 60
GRAIN—Wheat, May	60 00 @ 62 00
Corn, May	32 00 @ 33 00
Oats, May	24 00 @ 25 00
Rye, No. 2	31 00 @ 32 00
Barley, Malt	35 00 @ 40 00
MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1	65 00 @ 67 00
Oats	24 00 @ 25 00
Rye, No. 2	30 00 @ 31 00
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KANSAS CITY.	
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CATTLE—Native Steers	43 00 @ 47 00